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Egypt - HELLFIRE II Air-to-Surface Anti-Armor Missiles and Vehicles

On 4 September, the Defense Security Cooperation Agency notified Congress of a possible Foreign Military Sale to Egypt of HELLFIRE II Air-to-Surface Anti-Armor Missiles and Vehicles as well as associated equipment and services. The total value, if all options are exercised, could be as high as \$122 million.

The Government of Egypt has requested a possible sale of 459 AGM-114K3 HELLFIRE II Air-to-Surface Anti-Armor missiles, 500 M1045A2 High Mobility Multi-purpose Wheeled Vehicles (HMMWV), 8,072 25.4mm chaff cartridges, engines, winches, kits, dispensers, containers, spare and repair parts, test and tool sets, personnel training and equipment, publications, U.S. Government and contractor engineering and logistics personnel services, Quality Assurance Team, and other related elements of logistics support. NOTE: The missiles and the vehicles are not operationally linked together nor supportive of each other. The estimated cost is \$122 million.

This proposed sale will contribute to the foreign policy and national security of the United States by helping to improve the security of a friendly country which has been and continues to be an important force for political stability and economic progress in the Middle East.

Egypt currently has HELLFIRE missiles in its operational inventory for use with APACHE attack helicopters. These additional missiles will enhance Egyptian war reserve stocks, and equal less than one full combat load per AH-64 helicopter. The proposed sale of the HMMWVs will be fielded with Egypt's TOW weapon system in their Field Artillery and to replace existing jeeps as support vehicles. Egypt, which already has the proposed items in its inventory, will have no difficulty absorbing these missiles and trucks.

The principal contractors will be: Lockheed Martin Electronics and Missiles of Orlando, Florida and AM General of Mishawaka, Indiana. There are no offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not affect the basic military balance in the region.

Implementation of this proposed sale will require the assignment of U.S. Government Quality Assurance Teams and five contractor representatives for one-week intervals to participate in program review and technical reviews to Egypt.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

This notice of a potential sale is required by law; it does not mean that the sale has been concluded.